

Faith I Live By (Oct 1 – 7)

A Purified Church – Our Mission

Dear to the Heart of God (Isa 49:15-16), October 1

- 1.) Christ “loved the church, and gave himself for it.” Ephesians 5:25. It is the purchase of His blood. The divine Son of God is seen walking amid the seven golden candlesticks. Jesus Himself supplies the oil to these burning lamps. He it is that kindles the flame. “In him was life; and the life was the light of men.” John 1:4. **No candlestick, no church, shines of itself. From Christ emanates all its light....** The Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the light thereof. {FLB 280.3}
- 2.) At times the Lord may seem to have forgotten the perils of His church, and the injury done her by her enemies. But God has not forgotten. Nothing in this world is so dear to the heart of God as His church. It is not His will that worldly policy shall corrupt her record. He does not leave His people to be overcome by Satan’s temptations. {FLB 280.4}

God declares that even a mother may forget her child, “yet will I not forget thee.” ... God thinks of His children with the tenderest solicitude and keeps a book of remembrance before Him, that He may never forget the children of His care. {FLB 280.5}

A City of Refuge, (Psalms 132:13,14) October 2

- 3.) The church is God’s fortress, His city of refuge, which He holds in a revolted world. Any betrayal of the church is treachery to Him who has bought mankind with the blood of His only-begotten Son. From the beginning, faithful souls have constituted the church on earth. In every age the Lord has had His watchmen, who have borne a faithful testimony to the generation in which they lived. These sentinels gave the message of warning; and when they were called to lay off their armor, others took up the work. God brought these witnesses into covenant relation with Himself, uniting the church on earth with the church in heaven. He has sent forth His angels to minister to His church, and the gates of hell have not been able to prevail against His people. {FLB 281.4}
- 4.) Through centuries of persecution, conflict, and darkness, God has sustained His church. Not one cloud has fallen upon it that He has not prepared for; not one opposing force has risen to counterwork His work, that He has not foreseen. All has taken place as He predicted. He has not left His church forsaken, but has traced in prophetic declarations what would occur, and that which His Spirit inspired the prophets to foretell has been brought about. All His purposes will be fulfilled. His law is linked with His throne, and no power of evil can destroy it. Truth is inspired and guarded by God; and it will triumph over all opposition. {FLB 281.2}

God will Take Care of His Church (Isaiah 43:2), Oct 3

- 5.) God has a church upon the earth, who are His chosen people, who keep His commandments. He is leading, not stray offshoots, not one here and one there, but a people. {FLB 282.2}
- 6.) There is no need to doubt, to be fearful that the work will not succeed. God is at the head of the work, and He will set everything in order. If matters need adjusting at the head of the work, God will attend to that, and work

to right every wrong. Let us have faith that God is going to carry the noble ship which bears the people of God safely into port. {FLB 282.3}

- 7.) When you think that the work is in danger, pray, "Lord stand at the wheel. Carry us through the perplexity. Bring us safely into port." Have we not reason to believe that the Lord will bring us through triumphantly? ... {FLB 282.6} You cannot with your finite minds understand the working of all the providences of God. Let God take care of His own work. {FLB 283.7}

The Judgement-Hour Message (Revelation 14:6,7), October 4

- 8.) God sent His angel ... to lead him to search the prophecies.... He saw that the inhabitants of the earth were living in the closing scenes of this world's history, yet they knew it not.... God called him to leave his farm.... With trembling, William Miller began to unfold to the people the mysteries of the kingdom of God, carrying his hearers down through the prophecies to the Second Advent. {FLB 283.3}

- 9.) What testified that the message was heaven born? {FLB 283.5}

"The special blessing of the Lord, both in the conversion of sinners and the revival of spiritual life among Christians, ... testified that the message was of Heaven. {FLB 283.5}"

- 10.) What were the believers able to do in the face of those who gave arguments opposing the message?

"With clearness the believers ... gave the reasons why they expected their Lord in 1844. Their opposers could bring no arguments against the powerful reasons offered. {FLB 283.6}"

Light Through The Darkness, (Hebrews 10:35,36) October 5

- 11.) Read Dan 8:14, what did early Adventist believe the Sanctuary to mean? {FLB 284.3}

- 12.) What really happened then in 1844? {FLB 284.6}

- 13.) As a result of knowing this, what does this prepare us to give? {FLB 284.8}

Babylon is Fallen, (Revelation 14:8) October 6

- 14.) [T/F] The second angel's message met its complete fulfillment in 1844 {FLB 285.2}

- 15.) When will the fulfillment of the second angel's message be seen? [FLB 285.3]

The Last Solemn Warning (Revelation 14:9,10), October 7

- 16.) When did God send the 3rd angel and for what purpose? [FLB 286.2]

- 17.) What is the beast, what is the image of the beast and what is the mark of the beast? {FLB 286.3-5}
B.) [T/F] Sunday keeping is currently the mark of the beast [FLB 286.6]